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## TEACHERS CLOSE GREAT CONFERENCE

Attendance Is Largest in History  
of State's Chief Educa-  
tional Society.

### JARMAN IS MADE PRESIDENT

Head of Farmville Normal Is  
Chosen to Head State Teach-  
ers' Association.

"We are closing the largest educa-  
tional convention ever held in Vir-  
ginia," said Charles C. Blakely, re-  
tiring president of the State Teachers' As-  
sociation, at the business session of the  
association held yesterday afternoon,  
the last day of the Virginia Educational  
Conference, in the auditorium of John  
Marshall High School. "More than  
2,800 have been registered during the  
four days of the meeting. That ex-  
ceeds the attendance last year by 500.  
In stepping down from the office of  
president of your association I wish to  
congratulate you on what has been  
accomplished in the past year and to  
thank you for your co-operation with me  
in the work."

J. L. Jarman, of Farmville, was  
elected president of the State Teachers'  
Association. W. C. Blakely, of Rich-  
mond, secretary, and George W. Guy,  
of Hampton, treasurer. Vice-presidents  
for each of the ten congressional dis-  
tricts were elected as follows: A. B.  
Chandler, of Fredericksburg; First  
District; George A. Peck, of Port-  
smouth; Second District; C. A. Smith,  
of Gloucester; Third District; E. P. Duke,  
of Farmville; Fourth District; J. W.  
Cook, of Danville; Fifth District; W. M.  
Black, of Lynchburg; Sixth District; R.  
M. Irby, of Front Royal; Seventh Dis-  
trict; N. T. McManaway, of Brandy;  
Eighth District; J. A. C. Hart, of  
Wytheville; Ninth District; and C. W.  
Patterson, of Charlottesville; Tenth Dis-  
trict.

### TERMS OF OFFICE EXTENDED TO TWO YEARS

By action of the association yester-  
day afternoon, the constitution was  
changed to extend the terms of office  
of the president, secretary and treas-  
urer from one to two years. It was  
provided, however, that the president  
elected yesterday should hold office but  
one year. "The limits of the ten dis-  
tricts were also changed, doing away  
with the old arrangement with congres-  
sional district lines and the new  
units more compact. The change in  
district boundaries will become ef-  
fective next year."

No decision was reached as to the  
place of meeting for next year. Both  
Richmond and Roanoke have invited  
the conference. On account of the size  
of the gathering, only the larger cities  
in the State can entertain it. Al-  
though Richmond is recognized as hav-  
ing unusual advantages as a place of  
meeting, the teachers in the western  
part of the State, it is said, are anxious  
to have the conference at some  
point convenient to them. The com-  
mittee on time and place of meeting  
will decide the question later.

### APPROVE OF SURVEY OF SCHOOL SYSTEM

The teachers adopted a platform call-  
ing for reform legislation, including  
provision for a survey of the Virginia  
public school system, more funds for  
schools, an adequate compulsory  
attendance law and the establishment of  
a coordinate college for women at  
the University of Virginia. J. H.  
Saunders is chairman of the legislative  
committee. The association appropri-  
ated \$500 to be spent in securing  
the passage of the desired laws. A  
campaign for the stirring up of interest  
in the program will be begun next  
May.

A resolution to investigate the teach-  
ers' pension system of the State was  
referred to the legislative committee.  
It was voted to appoint a committee  
to study the questions of teachers'  
salaries in Virginia, with a view to  
securing an increased appropriation  
from both the State and the individual  
counties.

Inspired by the action of the nurses  
of Virginia in building a cottage for  
the sick of their profession at Cata-  
wba, the State Teachers' Association  
decided to begin at once a campaign  
for funds for a similar cottage for  
teachers who have tuberculosis.

### EXPRESS REGRET AT CHESTERMAN'S RETIREMENT

Regret was expressed by the associa-  
tion at the resignation of E. R. Che-  
sterman from the position of secre-  
tary of the State Board of Educa-  
tion.

Secretary Blakely reported that the  
names of 8,500 members were on the  
rolls of the State Teachers' Associa-  
tion. This was the largest member-  
ship the association had ever had, he  
said, since its organization eleven  
years ago.

The Conference of Division Superin-  
tendents, one of the four organizations  
united into the Virginia Educational  
Conference, may set its annual meet-  
ing at a different time from the other  
three, and so practically withdraw  
from the conference. The proposition  
was made and discussed at a meeting  
of the superintendents held yesterday  
morning.

No friction with the other members  
of the conference nor thought that they  
have not received fair treatment is re-  
sponsible for the superintendents' pro-  
posal, they assert.

"What we want to meet separately,"  
said President C. B. Bowry, of the  
superintendents, last night, "is to  
have more time for the discussion of  
affairs relating directly to ourselves.  
Meeting with the other organizations,  
we are rushed to carry out our busi-  
ness and then have little time to at-  
tend the other sessions of the confer-  
ence."

On motion of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler,  
Superintendent of the Richmond City  
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## Would Eliminate Useless Oratory

Speaker Clark Favors Cutting  
Down Gallery Space and Abol-  
ishing Congressional Record.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—Speaker  
Clark said today that if Congress  
wanted to clean the legislative state  
and go home next March 4, he gladly  
would join in a movement to elimi-  
nate useless oratory by cutting down  
gallery space and abolishing the Con-  
gressional Record, and to introduce  
voting machines.

"It isn't difficult to see that the gal-  
eries and the record cause an awful  
waste of time and money," the  
Speaker declared. "Any time the gal-  
eries are full, the orators on the floor  
are posing and wasting time. And  
everybody knows there are any number  
of Congressmen who talk for the  
record a great deal more than is  
necessary."

"The Record is not necessary. The  
English House of Commons has none.  
A Journal is kept."

"I haven't much hope, though, that  
I'd receive much support if I started  
to make a fight for smaller galleries  
and no Record, so I won't start it, but  
there is hope that the present method  
of taking roll calls will be abolished.  
It is archaic and a time-waster."

Minority Leader Mann today of-  
fered figures to substantiate his view  
that under no circumstances could the  
Democrats have a majority in the next  
House, but that there was a chance  
for the Republicans to have 215 mem-  
bers. He added that he was not worry-  
ing about the speakership, and thought  
it would be much more fun to remain  
on his present job.

### THOM CONTINUES ON STAND

Declines Market for Railroad Secu-  
rities Canceled Because of Present  
Methods of Regulation.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—A. P.  
Thom, counsel for the railway execu-  
tives' advisory committee, continued his  
testimony today before the congres-  
sional railway investigating com-  
mittee, and he probably will be on the  
stand tomorrow. Mr. Thom today  
would not agree with a suggestion of  
Senator Cummins that there was no  
marked lack of confidence by the in-  
vesting public regarding railroad  
securities, and that any lack was the  
fault of the railroads. Mr. Thom said  
the roads would produce witnesses to  
show that the market for railroad  
securities was curtailed because of the  
present methods of regulation, and a  
feeling that sufficient returns were not  
being made.

The Senator thought the fact that  
some roads when built issued much  
stock to promoters had something to  
do with the public feeling that rail-  
road investments were not particu-  
larly attractive, and instances where  
physical valuation by the Interstate  
Commerce Commission showed securi-  
ties issued in excess.

The committee decided today to sit  
only on Wednesday, Thursday and  
Saturday next week.

### TOM WATSON ACQUITTED

Jury Returns Verdict After Sixteen  
Hours' Deliberation—Received  
Without Demonstration.

(By Associated Press.)  
AUGUSTA, Ga., December 1.—  
Thomas E. Watson, author and editor,  
was acquitted here today by a jury  
in the Federal Court of the charge of  
sending obscene matter through the  
mail.

Watson's trial began here last Mon-  
day, and the case was given to the  
jury early last night. It was received  
without demonstration by friends of  
the defendant, although many pressed  
forward to congratulate him. Watson  
shook hands with the jurors, and one  
of them, J. H. Koger, of Grovetown,  
embraced him.

Watson was charged in an indict-  
ment containing four counts with hav-  
ing violated the Federal penal code in  
sending obscene matter through the  
mails in publications of which he is  
editor. He was acquitted on all four  
counts. A year ago his trial on the  
same charges resulted in the jury dis-  
agreeing.

### TAFT WARNS OF DANGER

Tendency of Union Labor to Place  
Itself Above Law Order Is  
Big Cloud on Horizon.

(By Associated Press.)  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 1.—  
"The danger to American economic  
strength through the tendency of union  
labor to place itself above the law  
and order is one big cloud on our  
horizon when we look to the days to  
follow the world conflict," said former  
President Taft in an address at the  
Chamber of Commerce here today.

"The highest tribunal in the nation  
has been notified that unless the Ad-  
ams law is upheld the threatened rail-  
road strike will be enforced."

"It is a threat to starve the nation  
into submission. The decision result-  
ing may be the proper one, but the  
means contemplated are wholly wrong.  
If we have a railroad strike, all forces  
of public opinion and public action  
must be called into play to force  
obedience."

### ARCHBOLD MUCH IMPROVED

Condition of Standard Oil President  
Still Serious, It Is Said at  
His Home.

(By Associated Press.)  
TARRYTOWN, N. Y., December 1.—  
The condition of John D. Archbold,  
president of the Standard Oil Company  
of New Jersey, who has been dan-  
gerously ill for several days after an op-  
eration for appendicitis, was much im-  
proved to-night, but he was very ill, it  
was said at his home.

Mr. Archbold had gained strength  
during the day, it was stated, and in  
the afternoon appeared to be com-  
fortable.

## HOUSEWIVES CALL FOR MASS-MEETING

Women of City to Unite in Fight  
on High Cost of  
Food.

### AFTER COLD-STORAGE BARONS

Reports Are Submitted of Efforts  
to Boost Prices on Potat-  
oes and Beans.

Plans for concerted action on the  
part of the housewives of Richmond,  
with the support of practically every  
women's organization in the city, to  
force downward the unusually high  
prices prevailing for nearly every com-  
modity that the average household is  
forced to buy, were formulated yester-  
day afternoon at a special meeting  
of the executive committee of the  
Richmond Housewives' League, which  
was held at the home of the president,  
Mrs. Stuart Michaels.

After a lengthy discussion and de-  
liberate consideration of the reports  
made to the executive committee of  
the league by the various branches,  
and what was said by many instances  
of their causes, the committee decided  
to call a general mass-meeting of all the  
housewives of Richmond, which will  
be held Wednesday afternoon at 4  
o'clock in the hall of the House of  
Delegates at the State Capitol.

The advisability of declaring boy-  
cotts against certain foodstuffs, and  
plans for official action looking to in-  
vestigation into the causes for the  
existing prices, will be discussed at  
this meeting, and definite action by the  
consumers of the city is expected to  
be taken. Every one interested in the  
measures outlined by the Housewives'  
League is invited to attend the meet-  
ing, and special invitations will be ex-  
tended to every women's organization  
in Richmond.

### GOVERNOR LOANS USE OF PUBLIC HALL

Governor Stuart told members of the  
executive committee yesterday after-  
noon that he would gladly loan them  
the use of the hall for the purpose of  
holding the meeting.

Mrs. Whitehead, of Norfolk, State  
chairman of the Housewives' League  
of Virginia, will preside at the meet-  
ing, and is expected to outline the ac-  
tion taken by the consumers in Nor-  
folk this week in their fight against  
the unusually high prices of turkeys  
and eggs.

Mrs. Whitehead declared the league  
declared in Norfolk had been entirely  
successful, and had resulted in the  
lowering of prices on the two com-  
modities.

Members of the executive committee  
of the Richmond Housewives' League  
received letters yesterday from similar  
organizations throughout the State  
congratulating them on their efforts  
to reduce the prices on foodstuffs, and  
intimating that the action taken by the  
Richmond organization would be fol-  
lowed by them. From such advice, it  
was the general impression last night  
that if boycotts are declared in this  
city, it would develop into a State-wide  
movement.

Representatives from women's or-  
ganizations in other cities of the State  
vitality interested in the matter are  
expected to attend the mass-meeting,  
and invitations will be extended to  
them probably today.

### WOMEN OF CITY INVITED TO ATTEND

Among the local organizations who  
will be requested especially to attend  
the meeting are the Women's Club, the  
Federal of Mothers' Clubs, the  
Daughters of the American Revolution,  
Young Women's Christian Association,  
the Council of Jewish Women and  
others. It is also probable that vari-  
ous civic and labor organizations will be  
requested to have representatives in  
attendance.

Particular stress was laid last night  
by officers of the league on the fact  
that the action suggested will be taken  
by the housewives of Richmond, who  
are the most vitally interested in the  
matter, and that there should be a  
large attendance at the meeting. It  
will be impossible in the limited time  
to extend written invitations to every  
housewife in the city, they said, but  
every consumer is urged to attend.

At the meeting of the executive com-  
mittee yesterday afternoon reports of  
the existing prices, which had been  
gathered by special committees yester-  
day who had visited all the markets  
and numerous grocers of the city, were  
made and compared with the quota-  
tions that prevailed a few weeks ago.  
There was great indignation at the  
meeting over the advancing prices, and  
it was charged several times that the  
advances had been out of all reason.

### HOARDING OF SUPPLIES IN COLD-STORAGE PLANTS

The hoarding of supplies in the cold-  
storage plants of the city was also  
brought up, and figures were produced  
to show the great advances in the  
prices of commodities that had been  
made since the supplies were placed in  
storage. Apples that sold for \$5 a  
barrel when they were placed in the  
storage plants are now retailing for  
\$12, while flour was selling for \$150  
per barrel at the time it was stored.  
The commodity is now, the committee  
reported, netting \$12.

Practically every item purchased by  
the household was discussed, and  
there was considerable indignation at  
the advance of 1 cent per quart for  
sweet milk, which was made by the  
local dairy companies yesterday. Several  
members of the league were of the  
opinion that the advance would not  
benefit the farmers, and that it  
was done by the dairymen merely for  
greater profits. It is probable that the  
league will request city officials to  
investigate this matter to determine  
whether or not the advance was just-  
ified.

Commissioner B. L. Purcell, of the  
State Dairy and Food Department, was  
one of the speakers at the meeting.  
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## MAY GRANT REQUEST OF UNITED STATES

Great Britain Expected to Recon-  
sider Refusal to Grant Safe  
Conduct to Austrian Envoy.

### TWO PHASES OF QUESTION

Lord Robert Cecil Ready to  
Grant Any Favor Which Does  
Not Violate Necessities.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, December 1.—A strong im-  
pression prevails here that Great Brit-  
ain will grant the request from Wash-  
ington for a reconsideration of the re-  
fusal of a safe conduct for Count Adam  
Tarnowski von Tarnow, who was re-  
cently appointed Austro-Hungarian am-  
bassador to the United States.

Although stating that he had not yet  
seen the Washington request, Lord  
Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade,  
in discussing the question with the  
Associated Press correspondent, said:  
"It must be kept in mind that the  
question presents two entirely dis-  
tinct phases. The first is that of  
deliberations to whom we could not  
tend favor under any circumstances.  
We can discuss and arrange for the  
exchange of military and civilian pris-  
oners and other similar matters with  
the central powers, but on account of  
their actions in this war, we cannot  
be expected to grant them a single  
favor."

"The other phase concerns a friendly  
neutral, like the United States, to whom  
we are ready to grant any favor which  
does not violate our imperative neces-  
sities."

"To grant safe conduct to Count  
Tarnowski, for which there are pre-  
cedents, may fall within the latter  
phase, but it is a difficult question,  
about which it would be dangerous to  
prophecy."

The American request has been pre-  
sented directly to Viscount Grey, Sec-  
retary of State for Foreign Affairs.  
Early action is expected, but some time  
may elapse before it is taken, as the  
French government must be consulted.

### JACK LONDON'S WILL FILED

Bequeaths Practically All of Estate,  
Including Royalties on Books and  
Plays, to His Wife.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., December 1.—  
The will of Jack London was filed for  
probate here this afternoon. It be-  
queaths practically all of the estate to  
his wife, Charmion Kirtledge London.  
While it is stated the property ex-  
ceeds \$10,000 in value, it is estimated  
that it is considerably in excess of  
\$100,000.

Mrs. London is given not only the  
real estate, including the London ranch,  
but any and all improvements, royalti-  
es and rights in plays, books, transla-  
tions, etc.

The writer's mother, Mrs. Flora Lon-  
don, is given \$15 a month, and his  
wife, he bequeaths \$5, and during her  
single lifetime she is allowed the use  
of the Oakland home. To his daugh-  
ters, Joan and Bess London, is be-  
queathed \$25 a month until their mar-  
riage. London directs that any addi-  
tional heirs they may want shall not  
come from the estate.

To his old "mammy," Jennie Prentiss,  
London leaves \$15 a month and directs  
that she be properly housed. Mrs.  
Eliza Shepard, his sister, is left \$2500  
and \$25 a month.

### INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE

President Wilson Asks William J.  
Bryan to Be His Luncheon  
Guest on December 6.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—Presi-  
dent Wilson today invited William  
J. Bryan, formerly his Secretary of  
State, to take luncheon with him on  
December 6 at the White House. Mr.  
Bryan is to attend a dinner here that  
evening to be given in his honor by  
Democratic members of the Senate and  
House. The President has been in-  
vited, but has not yet accepted.

Mr. Bryan came here today and  
attended a luncheon given in his honor  
by Secretary Daniels. The usual Fri-  
day Cabinet meeting was canceled to  
permit members of the Cabinet and  
Secretary Tamm to attend.

Invitations have been sent out by  
the President for a dinner on Decem-  
ber 7 at the White House in honor of  
Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the  
Democratic National Committee. To  
this dinner members of the Democratic  
campaign committee and of the asso-  
ciated campaign committee of Progress-  
ives have been invited. The dinner  
will be in the nature of a celebration  
of the Democratic victory.

### FIRE IN NEWSPAPER OFFICE

The Piedmont, of Greenville, S. C.,  
Suffers Considerable Damage to  
Mechanical Department.

(By Associated Press.)  
GREENVILLE, S. C., December 1.—  
The Piedmont, afternoon paper, of  
Greenville, suffered considerable loss  
this morning when fire broke out in  
its mechanical department. The ma-  
chinery was rendered useless for sev-  
eral days. The Piedmont is now issu-  
ing from the plant of the Daily News  
pending repairs to its plant.

### WILSON IS EARLY SHOPPER

Accompanied by Several Secret Service  
Men, Stops in Various Stores  
to Make Purchases.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—Presi-  
dent Wilson today joined the early  
Christmas shoppers. Accompanied by  
several Secret Service men he walked  
for more than an hour through Wash-  
ington's downtown shopping district,  
stopping in various stores to make pur-  
chases.

## GERMANY IS READY TO OFFER AMENDS

Commander of Submarine Who  
Sank the Marina Took Ves-  
sel for a Transport.

### BERNSTORFF SEES LANSING

No Action Will Be Taken Until  
Status of Ship Is Defi-  
nitely Fixed.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—Follow-  
ing the receipt today of a com-  
munication from the German govern-  
ment admitting that a German subma-  
rine torpedoed the British horse ship  
Marina with the loss of six Americans,  
Secretary Lansing conferred with  
President Wilson, and it was decided  
that no action would be taken by the  
American government until it could be  
definitely established whether the Ma-  
rina was a private vessel or a bel-  
ligerent transport.

In the note Germany stated that the  
commander of the submarine which  
sank the Marina had reported that he  
took the vessel for a transport, and  
asked the United States for information  
on this point. Count von Bern-  
storff, the German ambassador, called  
at the State Department during the  
day, and also sought this information.  
Secretary Lansing told him that the  
United States was not in a position  
to answer the inquiry, but would do  
so as quickly as possible.

Officials indicated that no action  
could be expected in the immediate  
future on the Marina case, admittedly  
one of the two most serious pending  
between the United States and Ger-  
many. The other is that of the British  
liner Arabia, sunk in the Mediter-  
ranean.

### PREVIOUSLY CONNECTED WITH TRANSPORT SERVICE

Germany, it is understood, is ready  
to acknowledge error and make offer  
of settlement if it is established that  
the Marina was not in the British  
transport service. When the vessel was  
sunk London dispatches stated that she  
previously had been connected with  
the transport service, and also that  
she was armed with a gun astern,  
manned by two British naval gunners.

If the ship was in public service  
prior to being torpedoed, some State  
Department officials take the position  
that the presumption was in favor of  
the position that an enemy might have  
believed her still to be a transport  
when attacked. In order to clear up  
this point, the nature of her previous  
charter and the orders under which  
she sailed will be investigated.

The State Department officials hesitate  
to make a ruling on what constitutes a  
vessel in public service in time of war  
until a decision has been handed down  
in the case of the Italian steamer At-  
tuala, libeled in the Federal court at  
Norfolk, Va., after a collision with  
the U. S. S. Albatross.

The point at issue is  
somewhat similar to that involved in  
the Marina incident, as the character  
of the Attuala is disputed.

### LANSING GOES OVER CASE

Secretary Lansing went over the case  
in detail with President Wilson after  
the case of the German ambassador, but  
at the time had not examined all the  
affidavits bearing on the attack on  
file at the State Department. It was  
indicated that it will be possible for  
the American government to collect all  
the evidence necessary without fur-  
ther reference to the German govern-  
ment.

In his last note to Germany on the  
submarine question, the United States  
stated that diplomatic relations would  
be broken off unless the practice of  
torpedoing vessels without warning  
was abandoned.

The door to acceptance of amends  
was not entirely closed, although warn-  
ing was given that offers of repara-  
tion and expressions of regret could  
not compensate for illegal destruction  
of American lives.

### BRITT RULING ON TUESDAY

Judge Bond Will Announce Decision  
in Suit in Congressional  
Contest.

(By Associated Press.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., December 1.—It  
will be Tuesday noon before there is  
a decision in the injunction suit  
brought in the Superior Court here  
before Judge W. M. Bond, by Con-  
gressman J. A. Britt, Republican, to  
keep the State Board of Canvassers  
and Governor Craig from issuing a  
certificate of election to Zebulon  
Weaver, Democrat, as the choice of the  
Tenth District, for the House of Rep-  
resentatives.

The injunction suit was heard in  
chambers this afternoon, and decision  
was reserved. The contention of Mr.  
Britt was that he had received a ma-  
jority of the votes in the Tenth Dis-  
trict, that unlawfully the Buncombe  
County canvassers had counted un-  
marked ballots for Mr. Weaver, and  
that the vote of that county should  
be thrown out, giving him a majority  
of about 275 votes, or that only the  
marked ballots be counted, giving him  
a majority of thirteen. For Mr. Weav-  
er it was contended that the court  
had no jurisdiction, the matter being  
one to be passed on by Congress, that  
the State Board of Canvassers could  
not go behind the returns, which, with  
the vote of Buncombe County, gave  
him a majority of nine.

### TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Engineer and Fireman Scalded to  
Death When New Haven Train  
Plunges Into Open Switch.

(By Associated Press.)  
BRACON, PAIDEN, COX, December 1.—  
Two trainmen were killed, two  
passengers seriously hurt and several  
others received minor injuries to-night  
when the northbound Winsted express  
from New York, over the New York,  
New Haven and Hartford Railroad, ran  
into an open switch and struck a  
freight train and a siding near here.  
The engineer and a driver of the ex-  
press were scalded to death by escap-  
ing steam.

## New Plea to Germany to Spare Belgians

American Government Again In-  
forms Berlin of Deep Con-  
cern Over Deportations.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, December 1.—Acting  
on its own behalf, the American gov-  
ernment has informed Germany anew of  
its deep concern over the deportation  
of Belgians from their own country  
by the German military authorities.  
This action has been taken as a re-  
sult of information about the depor-  
tations gathered from different sources,  
and after fruitless informal efforts on  
behalf of the Belgians, made by Ameri-  
can Charge d'Affaires at Berlin.

Germany has been informed that  
the treatment of the Belgians has made  
a very bad impression in this country,  
and that the United States cannot  
avoid taking notice of the situation,  
basing its stand on the broad grounds  
of humanity.

The American government, it was  
learned today was led to move, not  
only because of the expressed feeling  
that the deportations have been looked  
upon with distaste, both by the Ameri-  
can people and government, but be-  
cause of fear that Belgian relief work,  
which is administered by Americans,  
may be interfered with.

The information already in the hands  
of the State Department on the situa-  
tion was supplemented today by the  
Belgian minister, E. Haventhin, who  
reported to Secretary Lansing that more  
than 100,000 Belgians had been de-  
ported, and that deportations are con-  
tinuing at the rate of 3,000 a week.  
He added that railroad workers have  
been taken to man military roads now  
being laid, and that some have been  
taken into the occupied portions of  
Northern France, and some into Ger-  
many.

### WILSON IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

Will Take Part in Inauguration of  
New Lighting System for  
Statue of Liberty.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, December 1.—A mes-  
sage from President Wilson, express-  
ing the appreciation of the French re-  
public to those citizens of the United  
States who contributed to the fund  
that will provide permanent illumina-  
tion of the Statue of Liberty, from  
torch to base, will be read to-morrow  
night by Ambassador Jusserand at a  
dinner here in honor of President Wil-  
son, which will be broadcast by radio  
from the White House.

President and Mrs. Wilson, Secretary  
of the Navy Daniels and the official  
party from Washington will arrive here  
at 3:15 P. M. and will go to a North  
River landing, where the President and  
party, Ambassador and Mme. Jusser-  
and and Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard  
will be taken aboard the Mayflower.

At 4:30 P. M. a procession of yachts  
will start from the statue, led by  
the Mayflower, special illumina-  
tions throughout the city and harbor  
will begin, and the battleships an-  
chored in the North River will fire  
salutes of twenty-one guns.

A parade, led by the President, will  
start from Battery Park and move  
through streets which will be ablaze  
with lights.